Great Indian Rover Vestibuled air Conditioned train

827. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to run the Great Indian Rover vestibuled airconditioned train on a new route from Delhi to Agra, Khajurao and Varanasi; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of book-stalls to associations of unemployed graduates

828. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot contracts for book stalls at Railway Stations to approved associations of unemployed graduates; and

(b) if so, what is the number of book stalls allotted to such associations since 1981 in different divisions of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) There is already a provision in the extant orders for allotment of book stall contracts to partnership of nuemfployed graduates.

(b) Seven.

Over Time Allowance to TCs. at Sealdah, Eastern Railway

829. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ticket collectors of the Sealdah Stations had worked as TCs at the Canning Railway Station for certain periods and for 12 hours a day as per the "Essentially Intermittent" system introduced by the railway authorities without observing the legal formalities;

(b) if so, what is the number of such TCs;

(c) whether Government had given them over time allowance for the 4 hours extra work they had to perform daily; and

(d) if not, by when the over time allowance is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (d) On a proposal received from Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway for creation of 2 posts of Ticket Collectors with "Essentially Intermittent" classification for manning Canning Station, necessary sanction by the Headquarters Office of Eastern Railway was issued in September, 1955 and since then several Ticket Collectors have worked against these two posts with "Essentially Intermittent" classification and they had worked in 12 hours shift under 'Essentially Intermittent" classification. One of the Ticket Collectors, viz. Shri L. M. Chakraborty, filed a claim in 1970 for payment of overtime for 4 hours for every day of working during the period of his posting at Canning Station. The Court allowed the claim on the ground that the orders of the competent authority to treat him as 'Essentially Intermittent" under Hours of Employment Regulations were not obtained. Subsequently, 6 other Ticket Collectors who worked at Canning Station at different point of time upto 1977 made claim for payment of overtime of 4 hours for each day of their working at Canning Station.

Overtime in the case of Shri L. M. Chakraborty was allowed because the Railway Administration could not produce the relevant sanction before the Court at the time of hearing. The Railway Administration has since collected the relevant sanction from the available old records and since this post had been created with "Essenially Intermittent" classification, overtime is not permissible for their normal working of 12 hours daily.